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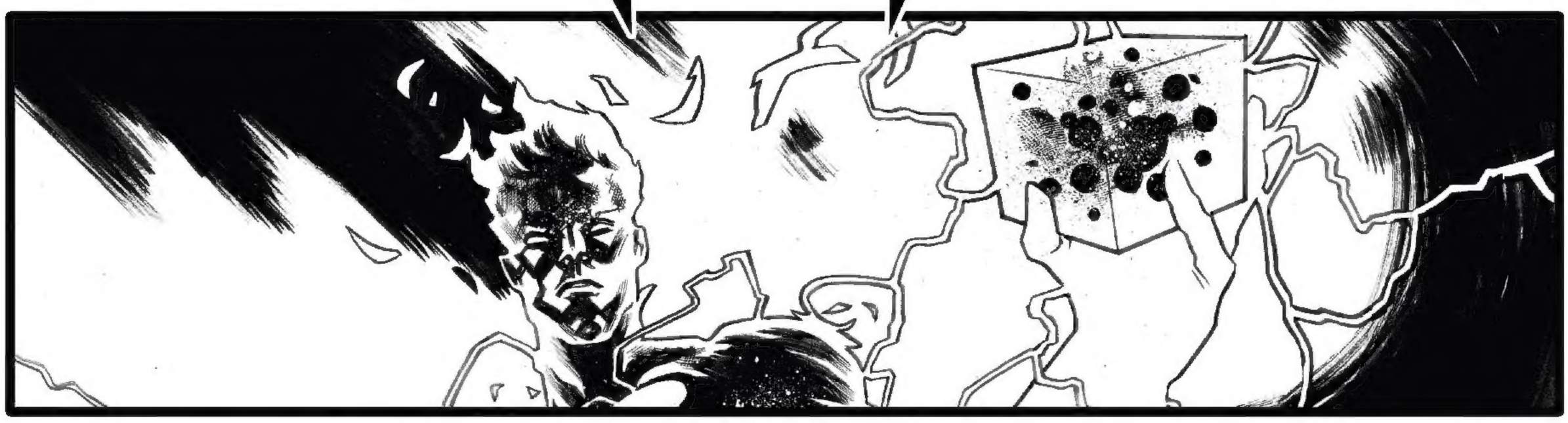

AFTER BEING MURDERED BY THANOS IN A PARALLEL DIMENSION CALLED THE CANCERVERSE, RICHARD RIDER, HERO OF THE INTERGALACTIC NOVA CORPS, HAS MYSTERIOUSLY COME BACK FROM THE DEAD.

RICH CAME BACK TO EARTH AND WAS SURPRISED TO FIND THAT 15-YEAR-OLD SAM ALEXANDER HAS BEEN OPERATING AS NOVA. TOGETHER, SAM AND RICH HAVE BEEN LEARNING HOW TO COEXIST AS NOVAS AND WORK AS A TEAM.

DESPITE SAM'S HELP, RICH IS HAVING DIFFICULTY READJUSTING TO LIFE ON EARTH. TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, RICH'S RESURRECTED BODY IS NOW A CONDUIT TO THE CANCERVERSE AND A MONSTER HELL-BENT ON DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH IS COMING THROUGH. THE MONSTER ATTACKED SAM'S FAMILY AND TRIED TO TAKE HIS SISTER KAELYNN. SAM AND RICH WERE ABLE TO BEAT IT BACK AND SAVE HER, BUT RICH KNEW THAT THE MONSTER WOULD JUST KEEP COMING, SO HE TOOK HIMSELF OUT OF THE EQUATION AND RETURNED TO THE CANCERVERSE. THERE, RICH CAME FACE-TO-FACE WITH WITH AN OLD COMPANION: THE WORLDMIND!

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Worldmind.

I don't... I don't understand.

It's quite simple, Richard.

You left me...

...so I adapted.

...so I adapted.

...so I adapted.

...so I adapted.

I didn't know you were...

That's not how it happened!

Then how did it happen, Richard?

How did you survive?

THEN.

"You think of this moment often.

"Trapped in the Cancerverse... with Quill and Thanos.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This happened in Guardians of the Galaxy #20! -Allison

AURGH!

"It defined you.

Rich! What are you doing?

I'm the door.

"You loved being the hero.

"Sacrificing yourself for others.

"But a hero has to live with his actions.

"Because here, in the Cancerverse...

GUH!

"...life is endless."

ZZZT

Well, Worldmind...

...looks like we're trapped here.
It would appear so, Richard.

Hope you've got some good campfire stories...

"I've always been impressed by you, Richard.

"All these years. Through every heartbreak and tragedy...

"...You survive. You adapt. You endure.

"Even here, at the end of hope, you made a home in solitude.

Ever wonder what Diamondhead's doing?

Richard.

Remember him? Guy with the diamond head? He was fun.

Richard...

Something tells me he's working at Denny's right now...

"But in the Cancerverse, there is something worse than being lost...

RICHARD.

What?

We are not alone.

"...being found.

The Revengers!

...Okay, then.

"We fought.

"We fought well.

"And if this is how you went.

"As a warrior.

"So be it.

"But the Cancerverse refuses Death.

GUH!

"Death offers no escape.

"There is only life.

"And here...

"...life is Hell.

"How long was it, Richard?

"Years?

"Time is useless without Death.

"And even now...

I have no idea how you endured so much for so long.

"Until you thought of a way out."

Richard.

What are you doing?

...Please.

Richard?

...I'm sorry...

"You emptied everything into the Cube.

"You were so desperate to escape that you sacrificed the entire Nova Force.

"And *me*.

"You powered the Cube. You found a way.

"But I wonder... as you escaped...

"...could you hear me?

...Richard.

Please.

Please don't leave me.

"You escaped.

"But no one leaves the Cancerverse.

"Not without bringing something *WITH THEM.*

"And me?

"Well, I'm like you, Richard.

"I survived.

"I *adapted.*"

And now I'm much more than I ever was.

World... I...I'm sorry. I didn't know--

You did. You just didn't care.

But you were right about one thing, Richard.

You're the door.

And now, thanks to you, the door to ***your*** world is open to ***us.***

You've done enough, Richard.

World. World. STOP! I can help y--

The seed was planted in you when you left.

And now it's grown.

STEP THE $%&! AWAY FROM HIM, YOU $%&!@ ROBOT NERD!

Rich! Let's get out of here.

Rich?

AUUURGH!

I don't think Richard is going with you.

Richard is *exactly* where he needs to be.

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